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SUBJ: CYPRUS: M72 ROCKET LAUNCHERS ACQUIRED BY TURK
CYPRIOTS

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1. DEPT APPRECIATES POSTS INFORMATIVE REPLIES TO REFTEL.
FROM HERE IT APPEARS THAT RESPONSES ELICITED BY EMBASSY
ANKARA' S INITIATIVE IN RAISING M72 LAW ISSUE WITH TURKISH
FONMINISTRY AND ASST SECRETARY SISCO' S EARLIER TALKS WITH
ESENBEL (STATE 228626, 12/19/72) PUTS MATTER TO REST FOR
MOMENT AS FAR AS WASHINGTON AND ANKARA ARE CONCERNED.

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2. IN OUR VIEW FOCUS COULD NOW USEFULLY BE SHIFTED TO NICOSIA. TO SUPPORT EMBASSY ANKARA' S REPRESENTATIONS TO BARUTCU, DEPT WOULD PROPOSE, SUBJECT TO POSTS' CONCURRENCE, FOLLOWING ACTIONS:

A. AMBASSADOR POPPER SHOULD RAISE SUBJECT WITH TURKISH CHARGE IN NICOSIA, RECALLING ASST SECRETARY SISCO' S EARLIER REMARKS TO ESENBEL, REPEATING US POLICY OF OPPOSITION TO IMPORTS OF ARMS FROM ANY SOURCE FOR ANY PARTY ON AN ALREADY OVERARMED CYPRUS, POINTING OUT ROLE US PLAYED IN BRINGING BOTH CZECH ARMS SHIPMENTS UNDER UNFICYP CONTROL, AND NOTING PROBLEMS THAT WILL BE CREATED IN NEW YORK IF

MATTER NOT SATISFACTORILY RESOLVED BY TIME OF JUNE SECURITY COUNCIL MEETING. WE BELIEVE IT WOULD ALSO BE HELPFUL FOR AMB POPPER TO MAKE THESE SAME POINTS WITH TCPA CHIEF AND NEWLY ELECTED VICE PRESIDENT DENKTASH.

B. FOR USUN: MISSION OFFICIALS MAY INFORM UNASYG URQUHART THAT USG HAS BEEN IN TOUCH WITH GOT AT VARIOUS LEVELS AND THAT WE HAVE REASON TO BELIEVE LOCAL NEGOTIATIONS BY UNFICYP WILL EVENTUALLY PRODUCE POSITIVE RESULT RE M72 ROCKET LAUNCHERS. ROGERS

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